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SECOND QUARTER



GREAT FALLS PRE-RELEASE DEDICATES EAST CAMPUS BUILDING

Paul Cory cut the ribbon as the Great Falls Pre-Release dedicated its new East Campus Building Friday afternoon, April 20, 2007, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house. Seventy-plus guests attended the festivities which included a brief program, refreshments, and tours. Speakers included Mayor Donna Stebbins; Pam Bunke, administrator of the Department of Corrections' Adult Community Corrections Division; and Paul Cory, Administrator of the Great Falls Pre-Release Center.

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MICHAEL REDPATH RECIPIENT OF 2007 LAW DAY AWARD

Mike Redpath, involved in the Criminal Justice System for over 30 years, has been the Department of Corrections Liaison and Hearings Officer to the Great Falls Transition Center for over 10 years. He has held hundreds of disciplinary hearings and is very involved and instrumental in the success of the Boot Camp Aftercare Program.

Administrator Paul Cory and the Board of Directors of Great Falls Pre-Release Services, Inc. wish to thank Mike Redpath for his hard work and dedication he has given the Great Falls Transition Center for over 10 years.

Bill Quast, chairman of the Board,
presented Mike Redpath his plaque which reads:

2007 Law Day Award
Great Falls Transition Center
Probation Officer II Michael Redpath
Montana Probation and Parole Department





For Recognition of Outstanding Contribution
to the Criminal Justice System
STAFF NOTES

BARB COTTRELL, 10-YEAR EMPLOYEE

Congratulations to **Barb Cottrell**, who is the latest staff member to receive a jacket, having passed the 10-year mark of employment. Barb is an RA in the Women’s Center.

Welcome to our newest staff members: Men’s counselor **Timothy Allred** and RA’s **Marcus Allen, Cara Firman, Brandy Gauer, Mark Howell, Vicky Jones, Chris McGraw, and Kari Shipley.**

Congratulations to Counselor **Bob Bailey** who began his 22nd year here at the Transition Center on February 1, 2007; to Counselor **David Booth** who has completed five years; to Registered Nurse **Kathleen Johnson** who has completed her first year; and to RA’s **Caleb Peterson, Brian Wallace, and Sam Witherite** who have also completed their first years.

BONNIE SPILLER, EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Bonnie Spiller, a military brat, was born in Arizona, and lived in Massachusetts and Guam before her family moved to Montana, where her father was stationed in the air force here at Malmstrom. Bonnie has lived in Great Falls for over 20 years. She is a graduate of Belt High School. She has been an RA at the Transition Center for six years next month.

Bonnie and her husband, a computer tech, have three boys.

Bonnie likes to read, to do low-impact workouts now and then, and to watch “Lost.”



BONNIE GARDNER, VOLUNTEER/MENTOR, HONORED

The Great Falls Pre-Release is proud to join the community of Great Falls in recognizing **Mrs. Bonnie Gardner** as the 2007 YWCA Salute to Women winner of the Volunteer Community Service Award.



Bonnie was a military nurse and continued that career in civilian life. She came to Great Falls when her husband, a chaplain, was assigned to Malmstrom AFB. She volunteered with the Red Cross after her husband’s retirement, keeping her nursing license active for many years.

Bonnie Gardner volunteers for the women’s auxiliary of the Salvation Army, has been a member of the Rainbow Garden Club for 25 years, and the women’s organization of the First Baptist Church.

Since 2001 Bonnie has conducted craft classes in the Women’s Center of the Great Falls Transition Center on Friday afternoons, chatting with the ladies and being an excellent listener.



FEATURED DEPARTMENT OF THE QUARTER - CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELING

Karen Workman and **Robert Kemp** comprise the Chemical Dependency Counseling Department. Each has an 80-plus caseload of residents. Each resident is assessed as to chemical dependency upon arrival at the Transition Center. That assessment determines the needs and number of counseling sessions. A major thrust of the counseling is to encourage the residents to develop a community support system prior to departure. They also make final recommendations for further treatment upon the resident's departure and those recommendations are passed on to Probation and Parole.

Prior to August 1999 residents went to Gateway, Indian Family Health, or Rocky Mountain Treatment Center for counseling. At that time with Kemp's arrival, chemical dependency counseling became in-house. Native Americans continue to have the option of attending chemical dependency counseling at the Indian Family Health Center.

Mr. Kemp worked in construction for 25 years as an ironworker/superintendent for Sletten Construction Co. An injury on the job required him to change his vocation.

Why did he go into chemical dependency counseling? He, himself, had quit drinking and using drugs. He has been in recovery since 1991. He attended the College of Great Falls, earned an associate's degree in chemical dependency counseling, and wanted to share his experiences and training, helping others handle their chemical dependency problems. He worked three months at Benefis before coming to the Great Falls Transition Center.

Kemp is a Bozeman native. He and his wife, married for 25 years, have three sons. Two are Marines serving in Iraq. The third is a staff sergeant in the Air Guard.

Karen Workman is a Butte native who earned a bachelor's degree with a concentration in sociology from the University of Great Falls. She also has an associate's degree in chemical dependency counseling. She has been employed in the field for 15 years. She worked at this Center from November 1999 to June 2002 when she resumed full-time duties at Benefis. In November 2005 she returned to the Center full time. She knew she wanted to do counseling at the age of 14. She chose chemical dependency counseling when she saw its severity and its serious effect on people's lives.

Karen and her husband have three daughters. She also has a stepson and a grandson.

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